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The Honorable Dan Glickman
Secretary of Agriculture
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Re: Genetically engineered foods and seeds

Dear Secretary Glickman:


As a citizen who is deeply concerned about protecting human health, preserving biodiversity, and acting with caution in regard to new technologies which truly could cause irreversible and unthinkably harmful damage, I am writing to urge you to take a stand immediately against the use and spread of genetic engineering in agriculture. I have read that Monsanto is promoting the sale of its engineered seeds not only in the U.S. but worldwide and am appalled at the short-sighted vision of both this corporation and our regulators in allowing this. This technology presents a threat to biodiversity itself, not to mention to the world's food supply and to farming practices (gathering and replanting seeds) that are natural and look to the health and safety of future generations.

I am extremely concerned about the safety of the food I eat. I buy organic produce and am a serious label-reader! But no labels tell me what products have been genetically engineered. We are way behind other countries in recognizing the serious threat this technology represents. What is going on?

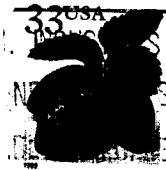
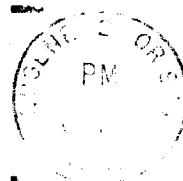
Please look to the future, not to the short-sighted, profit-motivated present. We can do better than that as a nation of people who really do care.

Thank you for taking the time to be concerned about this.

Sincerely,


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